



On The First Day of the Week (Part 2)

(continued from last week)

"On the first day of every week" gives a convenient time for the giving to be done. Since the church came together on this day for worship and the breaking of bread, it was a logical time for a gift to be gathered.

"Every week" shows that this gift could be gathered over a period of time which would make it easier and would perhaps allow for a larger gift to be given. Most of these people, especially the poor and the servants, likely lived on a week to week basis. To give each week an amount from their earnings allowed them to give more that would have been possible otherwise.

". . .each of you is to put something aside" emphasizes that everyone was to participate. Rich and poor; young and old; everyone was to become involved in the gathering of this gift.

"... as he may prosper" points to the fact that giving was to be proportionate. Again, the rich or poor were to give as they were able to give. No one would be left out of the joy of taking part in the giving just because their gift was not as large as another's. It is clear that thought was to be given to the gift and one would go to the assembly with a plan in mind as to what they could and should give...that which he/she was able.

"... store it up" by giving it on each Lord's day. They were not to simply save it up at home but were to bring it to the assembly where it could be kept in a single place. The last part of the verse tells us why.

"...so that there will be no collecting when I come". If each person had to return home when Paul came to get their gift then precious time would be used up that could be better used in fellowship with Paul and with getting the gift on its way to Jerusalem.

This plan for giving in the church is perfect to meet the needs of the church if everyone is willing to give as they are blessed. The collection that is planned for and saved on a weekly basis will meet the needs much better than a collection that has to be quickly drawn together to meet a need. (While it is wonderful how brethren come through from time to time when there is a special need presented, a regular planned giving is better for planning and carrying out the Lord's work.) The leading by God in directions given by the inspired writers is by far the better plan raising the funds needed to fulfill the commission of Christ for His Church.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM
Spanish Worship..... 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

ELDERS

Peter Dwomoh
Steve Gill
Marvin Johnson
Jean Volcy

DEACONS

Kwabena Akuoko
Jonathan Braga
Ed Brown
Gerald Ellis
Moises Velasco

EVANGELISTS

ENGLISH

Max Craddock
Marlon Molina

SPANISH

Santiago Molina

2011 Theme

"The LORD is my BANNER"

Exodus 17:15



LET THE
peace of Christ
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



THURSDAYS 7:30 a.m.
The Grace TV
Rogers - Channel 241
Star Choice - Channel 399

FRIDAYS 8:30 a.m.
The Vision Network
Rogers - Channel 60
Star Choice - Channel 394
Bell ExpressVu - Channel 65



Welcome to our worship today

Warm welcome everyone on this beautiful Lord's day! With humility and thanksgiving, let us approach the throne of God in worship. May His message of peace resonate with everyone and demonstrate in your daily life. For those visiting with us, thank you for coming and we hope to see you again soon.



SPEAKERS TODAY:

Max will present the lesson this morning and singing this evening at 6 pm services.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK:

Sunday AM/PM : 202/30
Bible Study: 63
Wednesday: 14

Contributions :

Offering: \$ 2,824.55
Key: \$ 60.00
Missions: \$ 110.00



Serving Schedule

January 1, 2012

PRESIDER:Floyd B
PRAYER: Kwabena A
READER: Im V
CLOSING PRAYER:Gerry E
SONG LEADER:Albert E

Passing emblems for January:

Leo R, Kwabena A, Bonifacio P, Gyimah D, Jessie S

Next Sunday, Jan 1st: Even though it is a holiday, we will have our regular services as usual.

This coming Saturday: New Year's Eve activities will begin here at the building at 8 pm.



Come enjoy the fellowship – bring along some refreshments to share at 10 pm and this will be followed by our singing/devotional beginning at 11:15. It is a wonderful way to see the Old Year out and the New Year in as we enjoy the fellowship of the family and praise God for His many blessings.



Cheryl Brown and Gale Arrindell at the death of their father,

Harrison Romeo, this past week. They have travelled home to be with the family during this time of sorrow. May God bless the family at this time and give safe travel to those travelling to be there and back home

Picture Board: If you have not had your picture taken (or updated), for the board downstairs, please see Jonathan or Juna to get it taken ASAP.



Family Picture

Allergy alert! Please be reminded that some are extremely sensitive to perfume and scented products.



Men's Bible Class and Business Meeting

The next Song leaders class, men's class and business meeting will be on Saturday

evening, January 7th. The singing class will be at 6, men's class at 7 and the business meeting at 8. Hey men, let's all commit to being here for these meetings. They are important to the health of the congregation.

The 6th annual 20s Weekend in Waterloo



is on January 13 – 15, 2012 – for post high school young people age & early 30s. Theme: Lessons from Luke” with Greg Whitfield as the guest speaker. Registration deadline is January 7th at www.waterlooucc.org. In addition on Saturday night Bruce Kuhn's stage play, "Luke" will be presented at the University of Waterloo. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and are available by calling UofW box office – 519-888-4908. See poster on bulletin board.



MOVING: Pray for **Webern Walcien and family** as they are moving in January to live and work in Australia. We will miss them here and pray God will bless them in their new venture.



Elsie Velasco, good report; no cancer + **Garry Kennedy,** good to see him out last week, recovering

well + **Wil Maddeaux,** having treatments re: brain tumour + **Gordon Hobbs, brother of Mildred Johnson,** out of ICU making good progress + **Dina Voutselas,** Retchie's mother-in-law, began treatments for colon cancer + Ada's brother, **Andy,** who is experiencing some health problems + **Myra dela Rosa,** a friend and neighbour of the Braga's, is undergoing treatments for cancer while caring for her eight-month old son + **Fred Whittington** of Bramalea congregation is having medical problems at present + **Mavis Stonefield** + **Blanche Maddeaux** + **Mac Porter,** of the Oshawa congregation, is improving slowly from his surgery + **Evan Whittington,** of the Bramalea congregation, is undergoing chemotherapy + **Pat & Bernie Coleman** + **Daphne Pegg** + **Aida Estrella,** who recently completed cancer treatments + **Rigoberto Flores** + **Jilisa,** daughter of Stephanie Frontin-Eirik, is having health issues + **Florentina Valenzuela** + **Daisy Verceles,** mother of Joanne Untalasco, + **Hildebrando Rodriguez** + **Jenn,** a friend of Julia + **Ellen David** + **Deirdre Etienne's mother** + **Miram's family** + **Pranvera Bimbli,** and her daughter, **Linda Laurasi**